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## WAR AND THE SMALL POX.

The reported ravages of the small pox among the Indians west of the Rocky mountains, lately startled the whole community as a fearful visitation of Providence, well calculated to excite the deepest sympathy and sorrow. It was said, 'that the Assineboines had become extinct; that most of the Blackfeet had fallen victims; that more than 25,000 in all had died of the disease; that it probably would not stop short of the Pacific Ocean.'

Be it so; but what is all this to the *ordinary* havoc of life in war? Did not 80,000 fall in the battle of Borodino? Did not England alone lose in the war of our Revolution no less than 200,000? Did not more than half a million perish in six months of the Russian campaign? Did not Julius Cæsar slay in a single engagement 400,000? Did not the wars consequent on the French Revolution, destroy 9,000,000? Strange inconsistency! to be horrified at 25,000 victims of the small pox, and breathe not a whisper of remonstrance, or a sigh of regret or surprise at the slaughter of five times, or a hundred times as many in war! General Jackson, for killing a larger number of Indians and Englishmen, was called a hero, and rewarded with the first office in the gift of the first republic on earth. General Harrison slaughtered I know not how many Indians,—enough, at all events, to make him a second-rate hero; and he must now be set up as a candidate for the same high office. Napoleon is said to have occasioned the destruction of five millions, two hundred times as many as the victims of the small pox among the Indians! and he is now a sort of demigod even in Christendom, and two of the most enlightened Christian nations are about to unite in removing his bones from Helena to a kind of mausoleum in Paris; a species of idolatrous respect paid, in the very heart of the civilized world, to as consummate a villain as ever swung from the gallows, to as great a monster in human shape as ever trod the earth! Is *such* an application of the gospel, such a *kind* of Christianity, going to banish war from the earth? E. J.

## PAGANISM AND WAR.

*Boys fattened for slaughter in India.* "The Rev. Richard Knill," says a Liverpool paper, "gave at a missionary meeting in Leeds,

last week, a thrilling and dreadful account of a superstition which has lately been discovered to prevail in a part of the Madras Presidency, India, where the farmers are in the habit of fattening and killing boys, and cutting their flesh from their bones while they are yet alive, and sending a piece of their flesh to each of their fields or plantations that the blood may be squeezed out of it on the soil before the child dies; this being done with the view of making the soil more fertile. Twenty-five boys, amongst the finest that could be found, were discovered by the British soldiery in one place, under the care of the priests, fattening for slaughter; and in another place fifteen were found. They were of course rescued, and put under the care of the collector; and it was believed that the missionaries would take charge of the poor boys, and bring them to the Christian religion."

*Boys prepared for slaughter in America.* Our readers will all remember, that the Secretary of our Navy, under the sanction of Congress, proposed not long ago to man our war-ships with recruits from boys between ten and sixteen years of age, who were to be taken from their parents or guardians, and trained for that service under naval officers. The proposal, strange as the fact may seem, met with such a degree of popular favor, that we do not recollect to have heard a single remonstrance against the measure; and the following paragraph from a recent Boston paper may be regarded as a pretty fair sample of feeling on the subject among the unthinking multitude:

"*Embryo Naval Heroes.* A draft of nice little sailor boys, consisting of about thirty, of ages from thirteen to sixteen, went on to New York last Friday week, by the Providence cars, under the charge of an officer of the Navy. These young Jack Tars in their neat blue uniforms, are apprentices to the U. S. Navy, and go on to join the Naval School at New York. This is the second detachment that has been sent from this station, amounting altogether to some seventy-five or eighty, fine yankee lads that have been entered here under the apprentice system. We understand that there are now about two hundred of these thriving little sailors at the New York School. Success to the system, say we."

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#### AMOUNT OF BRITISH WEALTH.

The amount of property in the United Kingdom is estimated as follows: Property in land, £2,316,920,040; in buildings, £604,733,278; in funds, banks, &c., £932,000,000; in canals, railroads, &c., £118,000,000; making a grand total of £3,971,656,218, or about \$17,872,422,981.